



The Pennant

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Newsletter of the IYC Cayuga Lake Cruising Fleet

THIS IS A REVISED VERSION OF THE PENNANT TO CORRECT PREVIOUS ERRORS.

Second Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 20

This summer we endured a number of so-called "races" with so little wind that our knot meters often read either + 0:00 or - 0:00 (a distinction that crew member Michael Wallner made).

But today we had plenty of wind from the NNW at 10-15 knots with much higher gusts. In fact, occasionally the pressure was so intense that during the second race it broke TREVELYAN's Spectra spinnaker halyard.

The boats that showed up for this windy day were Bill Russell's Catalina 320, LITTLE WING (crewed by Mel Richards and his LORELEI stalwarts); Tim Bonniwell's Catalina 30, INVICTUS; Richard Stephens' Corsair 28, TREVELYAN; Eberhard Alsen's Tanzer 25, FANTASY; and Clare Fewtrell's and David Feavearyear's J-24s MEHITABEL and SNITCH.

The course for the first race first went north to Ladoga, then south to the West Shore mark, back north to Near Maplewood, and from there south to the finish line at the Yacht Club. For the second race we first went north to the Far Maplewood mark, then south to Sycamore, then up north to Near Maplewood, next south again to the West Shore mark, and from there back north to the finish line.

During the first race, TREVELYAN did her horizon job on the rest of the fleet with the usual suspects SNITCH and MEHITABEL coming up in second and third places. But in the second race, after TREVELYAN lost her spinnaker halyard, SNITCH surged to the front of the fleet followed by MEHITABEL with TREVELYAN still saving third place.

Detailed race results and the current Fall Series Standings are on the next page.

Third Race Day of the Fall Series, Sunday, September 27

The skippers' meeting is at 12:45 at the South Pavilion of the Ithaca Yacht Club. The plan is to sail two races. The start of the first race will be at 1:30.

I will not be racing next Sunday because I will be out of town. But I'll be back Sunday evening to write the newsletter and I hope skippers will send me their finish times and someone will send me a BRIEF race report (How about it Charles?). Happy Sailing!

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